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

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**DAILY**

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Wednesday 8:15 am (follows school schedule)

Thursday 6:30 pm (Spanish)

Saturday 8:00am

**Reconciliation Saturday 2:45-3:30 pm  
5:00-5:30pm**

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**WEEKEND**

Saturday 7:00 pm at Christ the King (Spanish)

Sunday 10:15 am at Christ the King

7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

**DAILY**

Tuesday 7:00pm at La Guadalupana (Spanish)

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**BAPTISM:** We are pleased to help your family prepare for the special event of your child's entrance into our faith community. To help parents and godparents prepare, a class (English) is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community Center and in Spanish the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00am at Guadalupana. Parents and Godparents must attend this class prior to scheduling baptism.

**MARRIAGES:** If you are planning to be married at Blessed Trinity, your preparation process should begin at least four (4) months prior to desired date. We look forward to helping you during your time of engagement and preparation for the vocation of Christian marriage. Call the Church Office for an appointment with one of our priests.

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Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources—their selves—at God's service in and through the church."

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# STEWARDSHIP

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### A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Matthew’s story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus’ baptism has been understood as a symbol of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We “put on Christ.” To be a good steward of one’s baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As this year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus.

### STEWARD OF THE WEEK

#### Live Nativity Participants

The parish Religious Education ministry would like to thank everyone that helped make our Live Nativity a success! Hoping next year is even bigger and better!

**Thank you for being faithful stewards!**

#### New Parishioners:

Gustavo Carrillo, Andreina Mavarez & Annabella Carrillo Mavarez

Mengo & Bertrand Joseph

Enrique, Ana & Judy Cabrera

Mark & Sabina Mahoney

#### Baptisms:

Gabriel Maximiliano Chapa

Luka Nikolai Ali

Ambrose Wayne Rowe

William Jude Rafferty

Today marks the close of the Christmas season, but before we return to Ordinary Time, we have one more great feast to celebrate — The Baptism of the Lord. Today’s feast is a perfect opportunity to consider the privileges and responsibilities we all share as Christian stewards by virtue of our own Baptism.

At the moment of our Baptism, we became adopted sons and daughters of God, members of his holy, Catholic Church. Though we may not have realized it, the moment of our Baptism is also the moment we become Christian stewards, disciples of Jesus Christ, tasked with the work of following in His footsteps day by day and sharing the Gospel message with all those around us.

In our second reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate. “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” We must live our lives like Jesus, seeking to do good to everyone we encounter; not just those in our inner circle of family and friends, but everyone in our community since the Father loves us all and Jesus sought out everyone with His saving message.

In the Gospel passage from Matthew, we see yet another aspect of Jesus in action, this time as he humbly stands before John to be baptized by him. What humility and what willingness to unite Himself to us our Lord demonstrates by this act. We can do no less as we live out our daily lives as his disciples.

And when we do strive with all our might to live out our Baptismal call to Christian stewardship, we will experience the deep honor of knowing that we, too, are God’s “beloved” sons and daughters “with whom He is well-pleased.”



## WORSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2026 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Father Pat’s 3rd Sacrament Meeting

Fr. Pat’s 3rd Sacrament meeting will be this Sunday, January 11th at 9:55am in the gym.

This is a mandatory meeting for all parents and children that are making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Please try to make it to this meeting but if you can’t, there will be a make-up meeting on Saturday, January 17th at 9am in the chapel.



### Perpetual Adoration Homilist

We will have a special weekend homilist, Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., this weekend, January 10/11, 2026, that will be speaking on the topic of Adoration.

Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M., a member of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Our Franciscan province has as its mission the care of the Christian shrines in the Holy Land and the pastoral care of the local Christians in that same land. I professed my solemn vows in Washington, D.C. in our monastery church on September 1, 1985, and was ordained a priest in the same church on May 22, 1999, by Cardinal Hickey. The Holy Land was my home for nine years, including three years in Bethlehem, three years in Jerusalem, and almost three years in Tiberias. For most of the last 35 years, I have been organizing and guiding pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Europe. Presently, I’m the director of the pilgrimage office at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C.

### Our Catholic Appeal

Please get ready for our new donations / pledges to our annual Diocesan Catholic Appeal.

This year’s parish assessment has been revised from \$184,191 to \$331,773.

This is a major increase for our parish. The increase is due to the fact that this past year we paid \$541,499 less to our Catholic schools, especially to T.C., because of the scholarships available to each family from the state. All funds paid by the parish to our Catholic schools are deducted by the Diocese from our total offertory collection.

We pay 20% assessment on the remainder and, this year, that comes out to \$331,773.

So we need all of you to pray about your donation (pledge) to our Catholic Appeal. Especially this year so we can make our assessment of \$331,773.

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**Sunday, January 17/18th**— Antioch Retreat weekend! Registration ends on January 11, 2026.

### Bible Study—Mondays 6:30pm

Happy New Year bible scholars. We will begin our 2026 studies with an in depth study of our blessed Mother Mary. It's produced by the Augustine Institute and presented by Dr. Brant Pitre. It's called "Mary—The Bible and the Mother of God." It's a 4 week study. Each session is about 70 minutes. Dr. Pitre presents clear and easily understood explanations about the life and identity of Mary—New Eve, New Ark, Mother of Messiah, Queen Mother, Perpetual Virgin, Mother of Sorrows, and the New Rachael.

We meet in the K of C hall every Monday and start at 6:30pm. Come and join us. You will come away with a better perspective of our Most Holy Mother and greatest intercessor.



### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Is 49:3, 5-6

Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34



### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invites you to attend the breakfast after the 7:10am and 8:45am Mass on the second Sunday of each month, the next one will be this Sunday, January 11.

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Register on the Blessed Trinity website, [www.blessedtrinity.org](http://www.blessedtrinity.org) under sacraments.

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*The Parish Council members strive to embody the stewardship way of life, guiding and serving our Blessed Trinity community with its Pastor. Our purpose is to enable the parish community to carry out the mission statement. We help coordinate the ministry efforts of the parish, organize parish-wide events, and serve as a communication hub for the ministries and parish staff.*

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

If you are interested in getting to know more about the parish council, please let us know:

Bill Kennedy, President – [bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com](mailto:bill.kennedy@matteigroup.com)

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Monday, Jan 12	7:10am	Lyriss Pollard †
	5:30pm	Joanne Everard †
Tuesday, Jan 13	7:10am	Ben Drongosky †
	5:30pm	Roberta Germain †
Wed, Jan 14	7:10am	Ssemudo Family L/D
	8:15am	Joanne Everard †
	5:30pm	Carlos Alberto Marriaga †
Thursday, Jan 15	7:10am	Fitzgerald H. Pollard †
	5:30pm	O'Brien-Rothfusz Families L/D
Friday, Jan 16	7:10am	Helen Arca †
	5:30pm	Elizabeth Hurley †
Saturday, Jan 17	8:00am	Marilyn Clayton †
	4:00pm	Joanne Everard †
	6:00pm	Angel Luis Rodriguez †
Sunday, Jan 18	7:10am	Fran Garcia †
	8:45am	Maria Eugenia Pavon †
	11:00am	Teresa McGreevey †
	1:00pm	Spanish Community
	5:00pm	O'Brien-Rothfusz Families L/D

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Our stewardship way of life here at BT encourages each family to commit one hour a week to the adoration chapel; please prayerfully consider this ministry's needs and if you are unable to serve, please pray that God will send individuals to sustain this core ministry, here at Blessed Trinity.

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### Stewardship: A Disciple's Response—Reflections from Bishop Sylvester Ryan

Bishop Sylvester Ryan has deep roots in the Catholic stewardship movement. And when he speaks of the bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, he describes it as "poetry" and adds: "The pastoral letter never gets old." Why?

"It's one of the most powerful expressions of a disciple's journey as it relates to stewardship," said the tall, silver-haired bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Monterey, California. And to be on a disciple's journey is a life-changing and all-consuming thing.

"A disciple is one willing to surrender himself for the sake of others," Bishop Ryan said. "Jesus is the example of discipleship, the example of one who dies to self. Stewards are always in the process of emptying ourselves."

Bishop Ryan was in attendance at the bishops' meeting where the pastoral was approved, and later served as the chairman of the stewardship sub-committee for the bishops' conference for eight years. He has warm memories of the man who inspired the document, Archbishop Thomas Murphy of Seattle.

"He came to the conference and said, 'we bishops need to develop a spirituality of giving which offers a biblical concept of stewardship.' He describes Archbishop Murphy as "one of the most charismatic men I've ever met. He had a great simplicity. He never had to be the center of attention."

Bishop Ryan said the pastoral letter on stewardship influenced him greatly. "It gave me a way of looking at life that made sense, that provided purpose. Each of us has gifts that are indispensable, even when they are limited."

Bishop Ryan's own discipleship journey began in high school, where he recalls a "scary" librarian, who, if she didn't see a book in your hand, would thrust one upon you. One day, seeing him idle, she forced into his hands a biography of St. Damien of Molokai, the priest who lived in Hawaii among those afflicted with leprosy and later died of that disease. The book changed his life. "The thing that touched me was the moment he put his foot into a hot bucket and didn't feel it. The next Sunday, he began his homily, 'We lepers...'"

That sense of accompaniment, of being present to people on their discipleship journeys, has never left Bishop Ryan and has inspired his own vocation. Although officially retired, he has spoken about stewardship. He especially likes to weave stewardship into his confirmation homilies, a topic he said is "so vital to that sacrament." And he loves to remind people that "once one chooses to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option."

Before his retirement, he and Bishop Robert Morneau of Green Bay, Wisconsin, one of the authors of the pastoral, would travel to seminaries to teach young men in formation about stewardship. Bishop Ryan said he would "love" to see that emphasis again. "Stewardship is powerful in changing parish life," he said.



### Stewardship Saint for January—Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church

Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican friar and a Doctor of the Church, is one of the greatest and most influential theologians in the entire history of the church.

Born near the small town of Aquino in 1225, Thomas was educated at the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino and at the University of Naples, where he first became acquainted with the writings of the Greek philosopher Aristotle and the Muslim philosopher Averroes of Cordoba.

He entered the Order of Preachers at age 19 over the strong opposition of his family. His brothers were sent to kidnap him and they held him in a castle for a year. Upon regaining his freedom, he traveled to the University of Paris for further studies, and then to Cologne, where he studied under Saint Albert the Great, during which time he was ordained a priest. Saint Albert the Great predicted that one day Thomas "would be heard all over the world."

Thomas returned to Paris to teach and write and then was sent to other places including Rome where he began writing his most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae* (Latin for "Synthesis of Theology"). His deep immersion in Sacred Scripture fostered his desire to lead a life in complete fidelity to the gospel and to cherish the guidance of the great Fathers of the Church, especially Saint Augustine and Saint Gregory the Great.

His entire ministry as teacher and preacher was of giving to others what he had himself contemplated, which was for him the highest of all activities when done out of charity (*Summa Theologiae* 2-2.188.6). It was this same generosity of mind and heart that inspired him, against the opposition of many theologians and church leaders of the time, to use extensively the works of any authors—whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim or pagan—who might lead him to the truth.

Notwithstanding Thomas's great intellectual acumen, he was universally admired for his modesty and humility and for his prayer life and spiritual insights. He once wrote: "The ultimate human knowledge of God is to know that we do not know God and insofar as we know, what God is transcends all that we understand of God."

On the feast of St. Nicholas, December 6, 1273 he experienced a beatific vision. He suddenly stopped all of his writing and is said to have made this famous statement: "*All I have written seems to me like straw compared with what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.*"

Invited to the Second Council of Lyons in 1274 he decided to visit his relatives enroute between Naples and Rome. He became acutely debilitated when he reached them, perhaps as the result of a major stroke. He asked to be taken to a nearby monastery where he died on March 7, 1274 at age 49.

Thomas was canonized in 1323, less than fifty years after his death. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567. Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical *Aeterni Patris* (1879), commended Thomas's thought to all students of theology. The following year Thomas was named patron saint of Catholic universities. He is also patron saint of students and booksellers; among others. His feast is January 28.





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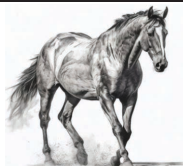


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